

# GREENBELT News Review

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## New Ben Franklin to Fill Vacant Post Office Space

by James Geezer

When Greenbelters were polled to learn what they would like to have in the space vacated by the Post Office, the hands-down winner was “Bring back our Ben Franklin.” Now, their dream is coming true.

A Ben Franklin franchisee has negotiated a lease with Co-op, the owners of the Post Office space, to open a new store as soon as needed renovations can be made. The News Review obtained an interview with the new entrepreneurs, the husband-and-wife team of Mervyn (Merrie) Andrew and Belle Sand Motley. (The interview is also posted on YouTube.)

News Review (NR): First I’d like to say how happy we are that the Ben Franklin store is returning to Greenbelt after all these years.

Andrew (MA): Thank you. We investigated a number of

potential sites for our new business but Greenbelt was the best fit. There will not be another store like ours in Roosevelt Center, Greenway Center or Beltway Plaza so we think we will attract shoppers from all of Greenbelt.

NR: What type of store will you be opening?

MA: As you know, Ben Franklin stores offer variety and craft goods. We will carry household items, clothing, sundries, baskets, seasonal products and snacks. We particularly want to carry items that are hard to purchase elsewhere such as penny candy (alas, no longer a penny), traditional cut aprons and terry-cloth-lined shower caps.

NR: How about crafts?

MA: You’ll be able to see us for all your knitting needs.

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## ICC to Be Extended Now To Balt.-Washington Pkwy.

In a last minute move, the Maryland State Department of Transportation has secured the funding and has been granted emergency rights of way through BARC and the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge to extend the ICC to the Baltimore/Washington Parkway.

The head of the Maryland Department of Transportation called the efforts a victory for weary drivers tired of fighting the back-ups on the Beltway, Interstate 95 and the Parkway.

The heads of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, citing numerous attempts by Congress and developers to sell their facilities for real estate development over the decades, called the ICC extension the best

of all worlds – an opportunity to maintain greenspace by building a dedicated USDA ramp from the ICC.

Greenbelt, Beltsville and Laurel residents were outraged. Mayors and city councils of all the jurisdictions filed suit with the Maryland Supreme Court over being shut out of the process. The Sierra Club and Friends of Indian Creek filed an immediate injunction against the measure, citing environmental impacts. Residents in all the jurisdictions lamented the loss of greenspace and angrily protested a proposed additional 75-cent toll to use the extension.

Construction is slated to begin in April with a completion date of April 1, 2011.

## Apt./Shopping Complexes Join Forces on Snow Job

by Lotta Bulle

The city’s largest shopping center, Belway Plaza, and largest apartment complex, Imperious Village, have agreed to join forces to deal with any further catastrophic snowfalls this season. Mayor Jade Davis has hailed the joint emergency plan agreement, signed at City Haul, as a breathtaking breakthrough in intercomplex cooperation. “We can look forward to new dimensions in the rapidity in which accumulated snow falls of more than 13 inches are disaccumulated,” she said.

In the event area meteorologists and the National Whatever Bureau forecast a major snowstorm with predicted accumulation of more than 13 inches, the newly adopted agreement will

go into immediate action. All stores at Belway Plaza will shut down and customers and employees will be sent home directly, according to “Hat” Hatstand, general manager of the shopping complex. “This will clear our lots of all vehicles so that we can quickly plow down to bare pavement,” he said.

White flags will be erected on poles at the four corners of Imperious Village, according to Vice-President for Residential Services Itsal Wright. “When those flags go up,” he said, residents are directed to immediately remove their cars from the apartment complex premises and re-park

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PHOTO BY BILL CORNETT

The transfer of Greenbelt’s Co-op Grocery store to Trader Joe’s will be effective at noon on Thursday, April 1. (See story on page 9.)

## Council Imposes New “Burning Tax”

Recent advances in remote sensing satellite technology now make monitoring of carbon monoxide (CO) from biomass burning possible down to the street level. This has enabled the City of Greenbelt in cooperation with NASA to begin monitoring the amount of CO released from household wood burning stoves and fireplaces.

Those Greenbelt households exceeding established daily standards may be fined up to \$100 per day where the maximum is exceeded.

The initiative was spearheaded by the Friends of Greenbelters for a Greener Greenbelt Committee.

## Public Schools Adopt Cyberschooling

The Prince George’s County School Board voted 7 to 2 to conduct cyberschool classes to make up for snow days beginning in the 2010-2011 school year. Citing lost instructional time, traffic safety and snow removal concerns, supporters hailed the measure as an innovative solution to an annual problem.

One board member stated – “It’s a perfect solution – students don’t miss instruction time, schools don’t have to worry about the safety of students and teachers coming to and from school and since most students have computers at home or at nearby libraries, they’re able to complete their assignments and communicate with their teachers. I wish we had thought of this earlier.”

Dissenters had their doubts. Not all students have computers or iPhones or have access to them, especially if libraries are closed or in case of power failures.

A public forum on the measure will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School tonight.



## Greenbelt East GEECs Demand Representation

by Moore Bulle

At a tumultuous meeting of the Greenbelt East Enlightenment Coalition (GEEC), angry residents passed a dramatic motion demanding better representation on the City Council. “We demand better and greater representation on the city council,” Seldom Goldbug, long regarded as the political boss of GEEC and affectionately referred to as “The Godfather,” told a cheering throng. “There is no one on council representing Winston Green, Hollywood Green, Springfield Green or Glen Green,” he continued. “For that matter, none of the councilmembers are green. Until there is a councilmember elected from every nook and cranny in this part of town, we will not be satisfied.”

The meeting came about be-

cause of a letter written five years ago to the Greenbelt City Council from Stanley Stirpot, president of the local chapter of Americans Taking Liberties Union (ATLU). Stirpot asked the council to resign en masse so that a new council could be elected having greater diversity. Council immediately went into executive session with its attorneys, coming up for air only to cash paychecks.

The ATLU had sent the letter after receiving an inquiry from the Upper Marlboro Republican Club. Club president Newt Grinch asked, “Where is Greenbelt’s Sara Palein or Rusty Limbough? I tell you truly, there is rank discrimination in Greenbelt. Why you can’t even get into Safeway

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## Long-lost Eleanor Roosevelt Time Capsule Is Found

by John Ortiz

A time capsule containing Greenbelt memorabilia has been unearthed at Roosevelt Center. Mrs. Roosevelt secretly buried the capsule in 1957 with the assistance of Albert “Buddy” Garrett. It was intended to be opened on the occasion of Greenbelt’s fiftieth anniversary in 1987, but directions to its location were lost in the City Hall microwave explosion of 1962. Recently, however, a local historian decoded clues to its location in a diary kept by “Buddy”

Garrett. Ground-penetrating radar found the capsule. It was retrieved and placed unopened in a safe deposit box at a local bank. Plans are underway to open the capsule in a ceremony at Greenbelt’s 75th anniversary celebration.

Mayor Judith Davis and city council were immediately notified that the capsule had been found and were present when it was unearthed. “We are so excited,” said Davis. “We can’t wait to find out what it contains.”

### Greenbelt Poll of the Week

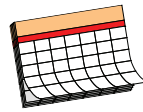
Should squirrels be named as Greenbelt’s official mascot?

- ☐ Yes. Squirrels are cute.
- ☐ No. The little tree-rats cause a lot of damage.
- ☐ Other. What are you guys, nuts?

Let’s hear your opinion! Vote at [greenbeltcitypoll.com](http://greenbeltcitypoll.com)



# APRIL FOOL!



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NEXT ISSUE: April 1, 2021

## GreenACES to Train Geese

For many years, Canada geese have stopped by Greenbelt Lake on their semi-annual flights north and south. About a decade ago, the geese decided that they like Greenbelt, as many humans do, and have set up a permanent home here. However, all of these geese living full time at the lake has led to an environmental issue – goose “poop.”

Over the same decade, Greenbelt planners were finally reaching an agreement on building toilet facilities at the lake. The facilities were finished last year. Now, here’s the important part of the story: the city finds itself in a budget crunch. City officials have recently learned that an environmental grant is available

to retrofit the human toilets at the lake to also become Canada geese restrooms. Grant funds will also be available for training the geese to use the restrooms. GreenACES members have volunteered to undertake this task.

Those who have complained in the past about too much goose poop will be pleased to learn that starting in early April, the geese will no longer be using the lake and lawn “to do their business.” They will be trained to open the doors on the toilets and use them on a regular basis. Signs will be placed on the restroom doors alerting humans that they should be aware that geese may be sharing the toilets with them.

## City Council Approves Geothermal Plant Funding

To lower electricity costs and to put Greenbelt on the map as a model of a Green City with a zero carbon footprint, council approved \$2.5 million in funding to build a geothermal plant to supply the heating and cooling needs for all Greenbelt.

With additional efforts to conserve by residents, Greenbelt could become the first city to sell its electricity back to PEPCO.

The approved funds will come from Obama administration stimulus funding promoting green infrastructure.

Construction for the geothermal plant will begin at Northway fields on July 1. The plant will consist of 5,000 copper tubes that will extend 400 feet into the ground and feed into a heat exchanger, which will in turn power a generating plant extending to all of Greenbelt.

## City Council Imposes New Revenue Streams

Due to shortfalls in a sour economy, the city council is making the following budgetary changes:

- The Spellman Overpass will become a toll overpass. Two toll levels were settled on – fifty cents for a daylight trip and one dollar for night (to cover the electrical cost for lighting the path). The council is looking into allowing the use of smartrip cards (like Metro’s).
- All fitness machines in the Fitness Center will be wired to support electrical generation. “Why waste the energy used

by the descending weight when lifting? This can now be stored and used to power the ventilation fans.

- A flock of sheep will be purchased to trim the grass in city-maintained areas. “This is a green solution to open space maintenance – sheep do not require gasoline to work, they produce wool for sale and fertilize the grass,” said GCAN representative G. Greenley. Members of the public works crew will take a course in animal husbandry and sheep shearing.

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them undercover at one of the Belway Plaza parking garages. That way, our residents will have their vehicles safely under roof. When the storm is over and roads are clear, they can just drive off. No need to shovel out.

### A Go for Tow

Police Chief Jane Crazyey announced at the City Haul press conference that as soon as the white flags go up, parking will be prohibited on all city streets at Imperious Village. Residents can use the Belway Plaza garages as well. “If you don’t move it, we’ll move it for you, at your expense,” the Chief warned. “If it snows, we will tow, don’t you know, I said so.”

With all streets and parking lots cleared of cars, snow removal will be a cinch, all parties agreed.

Already placed on standby alert is the Greenbelt Conoco tow truck and snowplow. “Once we get the signal, we’ll be out of here like a bat out of the belfry,” gas station owner and snow plow operator “Fast” Eddie Dipstyk told this reporter. Not only will his work be fast, he said, but environmentally friendly. “I’m getting delivery on a new Toyoda Pious truck. That baby uses hardly any gas at all. And boy, can it accelerate!”

“We’ll give the businesses and residents of Greenbelt West the best snow job they’ve ever seen,” Dipstyk proclaimed.

## Lawn Damage Moves Festival to Rooftops

In an effort to alleviate the parking headaches for the very popular Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, organizers have decided to set up on the roofs of the Aquatic Center, the Youth Center, the Community Center and the library with a series of rope and plank bridges strung between the buildings. The giant slide will be based on the Aquatic Center and drop riders into the pool.

“It’ll be great!” says organizer Virginia Creeper. “And all the lights will really show up at a distance being that high up. Someone joked they should be able to see Alaska from their house but that’s just silly.”

According to other volunteers, the city has James Cameron, the Hollywood movie director, to thank for this innovative approach to the holiday.

“It’s inspired by the Floating Mountains of Pandora in the Avatar movie where the giant rocks are floating in the air, tied together by ropes and vines,” says Creeper. “It just made so much sense.”

Contributors to the April 1 issue: Elizabeth Jay, chair; Agnes Conaty, Austin Conaty, Bill Cornett, Eileen Farnham, James Giese, Mary Moien, Shirl Phelps, Helen Sydavar, Mary Lou Williamson and Renauta York.



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We will not be carrying fabrics, at least not at first, except for seasonal fabrics for home decor. We are also thinking about a custom frame department. We would love to hear from Greenbelters with ideas of what we should carry. Just visit our website, GreenbeltBenFranklin.com and send us suggestions.

NR: What made you decide to open your store in Greenbelt?

MA: It’s kind of a long story. We both grew up in towns that had Ben Franklin stores. I was raised in Glendale, Ohio, and Belle comes from Cudahy, Wisconsin. Glendale is near Greenhills and Cudahy is near Glendale so we were also familiar with green towns like Greenbelt.

BSM: Merrie and I actually met in a Ben Franklin store when we were in college. I was looking for special baskets for my sister’s bridesmaids to deposit their bouquets after walking up the aisle. I saw the exact baskets I was looking for, but when I tried to pull them down from the shelf the whole pile came down on me. A nice gentleman rescued me and made sure I was okay. He was so concerned he walked me back to the dorm. When he asked if he could call me

later, of course I said yes. Three months later we were married.

MA: We both did well in our careers but always had it in the back of our minds to own our own business. One day our youngest daughter asked us how we met and we told her about meeting in the Ben Franklin store. When she said, “What’s a Ben Franklin store?” we both knew then it was the perfect business opportunity. We looked at several locations but quickly settled on Greenbelt and the old Post Office. We were attracted by the location and the demographics. Parking is good, foot traffic should be good and we think our store and Roosevelt Center will benefit each other. The items we carry will mostly not duplicate things available elsewhere in Greenbelt.

NR: How soon will the store be opened?

BSM: There is still a lot of work to do before we can even start construction. We need to get permits and select a contractor. Once we get the go-ahead to begin the renovation, we anticipate we will be able to open in April 2011.

NR: Thank you very much. I can’t wait to shop in the new Greenbelt Ben Franklin.

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unless you are a card carrying Democrat!”

Last month, in a carefully worded statement, council referred the ATLU letter to various civic associations to seek “their confirmation as to how great the council really was.” GEEC was the first association to hold a meeting to consider the matter.

At the meeting it quickly became apparent that Greenbelt East residents were disgruntled and believed that council treated them as second-class citizens. It looked as if Goldbug would quickly get a resolution condemning the lack of diversity in Greenbelt East representation on council when Mayor Kaye (Just K) David elegantly arose with crown and scepter and took exception. “I am your Mayor and I am Greenbelt East and I am Greenbelt West and I am Greenbelt Center and I am the sun, the moon and the stars,” she proclaimed. “With me I am you and you need no more,” she continued.

David’s remarks caused turmoil among the crowd. Noted Greenbelt gadfly Will O’Lean rose to take exception. “Where are the Romans?” he asked. “The Greeks? The Eskimos?” David quickly cut O’Lean off and ordered him to stand in the corner until after recess.

Across the room a commanding figure rose . . . and rose . . . and rose. It was Vice-Mayor Michael Jordane who took exception to David as well. “It is not you, it is I that everyone looks up to,” Jordane declared. And indeed, everyone in the room did look up to the man who had recently been elected by a concerted effort to get an underrepresented group, tall men, elected to the council.

Never one to be outspoken, perpetual Councilmember Edgar R.S.T.U.V. Putter had the final say of the Greenbelt East elected officials. “Only I can truly represent all of Greenbelt East. Only I can truly represent all of Greenbelt. Only I have lived in every house in town,” he told a hushed audience. “It is time for all of us to put away our differences. We are not different. We are not separate. We are united. We are all one. We are me.”

The throng cheered the rousing talk Putter uttered. Nevertheless, Goldbug quickly called the question and the motion was adopted without further debate.

Council is expected to take the matter up again as soon as it concludes its executive session.

(Any resemblance of characters in this story to real persons is truly coincidental.)

### GHI Office Hours

**Mondays** – Open 6 a.m. to midnight every Monday (except holidays)

**Tuesdays** – Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. first and third Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays, fifth Tuesday closed

**Wednesdays** – Open 7 a.m. to noon, closed for siesta (no calls accepted during this time), open 4 to 7 p.m.

**Thursdays** – Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. alternate Thursdays

**Fridays** – Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. alternate Fridays (open in weeks with Thursday closing, closed in weeks with Thursday open)



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## City, GHI Near Agreement On Right-of-way Solution

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council held a worksession on March 24 with the city planning staff and representatives of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) to consider what progress had been made toward resolution of the long-standing street right-of-way (ROW) encroachments existing in several areas of GHI. The worksession followed discussions addressing specific ROW issues in the Crescent Road area between Gardenway and Eastway at the November 23 council meeting.

The worksession was attended by the entire council and a majority of members of the GHI board, as well as by City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant Planning Director Terri Hruby, GHI

Manager Gretchen Overdurff, GHI Manager of Technical Services Thomas Sporney and affected GHI homeowners.

Hruby, who led the discussion, advised council of efforts made since the November meeting to work with GHI on available options and to arrive at a preferred solution. She noted that, in addition to working with the GHI staff, she had met twice with the GHI board of directors on the issue.

In January 2010 she advised McLaughlin that a proposed new ROW, described as Option 2 at the November meeting, had been staked out along the affected

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## Greenbriar, GHI Census Snafus Disturb Council

by Jon Aerts

As thousands of postal workers marched millions of census forms across the U.S. two weeks ago, not one reached the 729 mailboxes encompassing Greenbriar Condominiums.

Or so said Mayor Judith Davis, herself a Greenbriar resident, during a March 22 council meeting, which drew 10 onlookers, including five boy scouts in brown, "Troop 214" uniforms.

"All of Greenbriar has not received one census form," the mayor informed Celia Craze, Greenbelt's community planning director.

"Well, they should be receiving more than one census form," Craze responded, prompting chuckles from a few paying attention to the semantics of it all.

According to Davis, Greenbriar residents also didn't receive the bureau's "preliminary letter," notifying households to be on the lookout for their census forms one week later.

"Somewhere there's this void," the mayor told Craze, "and it happens to be Greenbriar, which has an awful lot of people you don't want to skip over."

But wait. What would one Census Bureau blunder be without the next?

As Craze explained it, many courts within Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) received census questionnaires devoid of letter or unit designations, thus rendering the surveys useless to the bureau's

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**First row: Don Rich (ACE Member), Theresa Bugg (ACE Member), Sudhanshu Sinha (ACE Member), Lauretta Baugh (ACE Member), Deidre LeGrand (St. Hugh's), Jonathan Triggs (TPA), Anne Koroknay (ERHS), Joan Nachman (MES), Vanessa Zanin (GES), Alicia James (GMS), Veronica Martin-Frederick and Alla Lake (ACE Member). Second Row: Rosalind Johnson (BOE Rep), Jane Martin (representing the Maryland State Delegation), Ingrid Turner (Prince George's County Councilmember), Konrad Herling (City Councilmember), Leta Mach (City Councilmember), Ed Putens (City Councilmember), Emmett Jordan (City Councilmember), Rodney Roberts (City Councilmember), Silke Pope (City Councilmember), Dave Whiteman (ACE Member).**

## Educators Honored by Council With Annual ACE Reception

by Mary Moien

Since 1996 the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) has presented annual awards for outstanding teachers and staff members of local and nearby schools attended by Greenbelt children and young adults. To highlight their importance, ACE presents these awards at a regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. A presentation at the March 8 city council meeting honored Vanessa Zanin from Greenbelt Elementary, Morris Powell from Springhill Lake Elementary, Joan Nachman from Magnolia Elementary, Jonathan Triggs from Turning

Point Academy, Deidre LeGrand from St. Hugh's, Alicia James from Greenbelt Middle and Anne Koroknay from Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Alla Lake, ACE vice-chair, and committee member David Whiteman led the awards ceremony. Present at the program to congratulate the awardees and present citations were school board member Rosalind Johnson and Prince George's County Councilmember Ingrid Turner. Carol Martin from State Delegate Tawanna Gaines' office represented Delegates Gaines, Anne

Healey and Justin Ross as well as State Senator Paul Pinsky; the members were not able to attend in person because the Maryland General Assembly is still in session.

### Educator Awards

The ACE Educator Awards recognize school-based adults who have made exceptional contributions to the schools Greenbelt children attend as their neighborhood schools and to schools located within the incorporated city limits. Many people contribute

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## Greenbelt Joins Earth Hour With Music, Tales, Darkness

by Altoria Bell Ross

Greenbelt resident Doug Love wrote the lyrics to a song in honor of Earth Hour that the city celebrated along with others around the world on Saturday, March 27. Greenbelt's ceremony began at 8:15 p.m. in front of the Municipal Building.

Violinist Mary Commings of Southway and flutist Clara Beckert of Crescent played "It's a Wonderful World" and then Patricia Mische of Southway read the poem "Blessed Be the Night" by Winston Abbott. Mische got halfway through the poem before

### "Save the Greenbelt"

*Save the greenbelt,  
It's the only one we've got.  
Save the greenbelt,  
We depend on it a lot!  
The trees in the woods refresh the air,  
Their swishing sounds are beyond compare, so  
Save the greenbelt,  
It's the only one we've got*

the municipal lights went out at 8:30 p.m., marking the start of Earth Hour. A flashlight illuminated Mische's page so she could continue to read.

Other flashlights focused on

the flagstaffs as Mairead Alexander, Krissy Beauchamp, Clara Beckert, Maria Beckert, Annina Commings, Mary Commings and Emma Greer, members of Greenbelt Girl Scout Troops 4816 and 5004, and Michael Brown, John Commings and Daniel Romell of Cub Scout Pack 202 lowered the U.S. and Maryland flags. The troops, then, carried the flags to the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center for an hour of safekeeping.

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### What Goes On

#### Saturday, April 3

**1 p.m.**, Egg Hunt, Community Center Front Lawn (Rain Location – Gym)

**1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**, Artful Afternoon, Community Center

**1:30 p.m.**, Census Bus Comes to Empirian Village, 9220 Springhill Lane

**Saturday, April 3 to Saturday, April 10** – Postal Facility in Municipal Building Closed

#### Monday, April 5

**7:30 p.m.**, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) Meeting, Community Center

#### Tuesday April 6

**7:30 p.m.**, Advisory Committee on Trees Meeting, Public Works Facility

#### Wednesday, April 7

**7:30 p.m.**, Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center, Room 114

#### Thursday, April 8

**7:30 p.m.**, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting, GHI Board Room

#### Saturday, April 10

**9 a.m. to noon**, Potomac Watershed Cleanup, Ridge and Westway and Spellman Overpass



# Letters to the Editor

## Bus Change Will Devastate Riders

Metro is planning on making changes to bus routes that will have a devastating impact on residents of Greenbelt, including my family. If this troubling proposal goes through, 1,500 Greenbelt residents who live on Edmonston Road in Empirian Village Apartments will face the serious hardship of having no bus service at all. Many Greenbelt neighborhoods will be disconnected from New Carrollton, making this plan totally unacceptable.

New Carrollton is a major inter-modal transit station in Prince George’s County. It is served by the Metro orange line as well as 20 Metro buses and four county buses. The Greyhound Bus, MARC and Amtrak Train provide access to major east coast cities from this location. Annapolis, too, can be reached from this station by private bus. Several office buildings, including a large federal office complex with 4,000 employees, are there. Additional mixed use transit-oriented development is planned for New Carrollton’s future, including the Metro purple line. It is vital that all neighborhoods in Greenbelt maintain a bus connection to the nearby New Carrollton Transit Station.

My family will face a major hardship with this proposal. I am legally blind, having very low vision. My husband, Shawn, is totally blind. We depend on public transit for getting around. Eleven years ago we purchased our home at Ridge and Eastway, feeling secure knowing there were two buses at the corner that would allow Shawn independence in reaching his place of employment at the New Carrollton Metro station.

For many years Shawn has enjoyed the freedom that comes from independent travel. We were shocked to learn of Metro’s plan to eliminate both New Carrollton buses from our section of Greenbelt. Shawn’s ability to travel to his place of employment

is being taken away. We and other people with mobility disabilities will lose access to Beltway Plaza. All buses, with the exception of one, will no longer pull into the shopping center.

Shawn will be dependent on Metro Access, a very costly alternative for Metro. Each disabled passenger who loses an accessible fixed bus route will cost the transit agency \$76 per round trip. Every disabled passenger forced to use para-transit in order to reach their place of employment will cost Metro \$19,000 annually. This figure is based on a person working 50 weeks each year.

We need additional funding to maintain bus connections to major transportation hubs like New Carrollton. We must never take away bus routes from people who have no other option. We must provide every neighborhood in the region with at least hourly service at a minimum. While hourly bus service feels inadequate and is inconvenient, this level of service provides residents including my family with a lifeline to go about the daily business of living in spite of having a disability or other disadvantage.

Laura O’Neil

## Use that Library Or Risk Losing It

I am so thankful for Greenbelt Library and grateful for its many free services. Baby Danzson and I aim to visit two to three times a week. We use the public access computers to check email, borrow CDs, books and DVDs (educational and fun movies). With the renovation nearing, it’s more important than ever to continue to use our library services so these wonderful programs and services will remain. I fear lack of use at this time would affect the future of the Greenbelt Library, so please use it even more during this time!

Lil Dan Celdran

## Wellness Tour Coming May 26

The AARP/Walgreens Wellness Tour will deliver free health screenings and health education to communities across the country with a special emphasis on diverse and underserved areas.

The nationwide tour features nine customized buses that travel 240,000 miles across 45 states, visiting more than 2,000 communities in 300 cities.

Last year, the Wellness Tour provided more than \$1 million in screenings to over 180,000 customers. Over the next two years the Tour has a goal to deliver more than 2.5 million in free health screenings – a value of over \$60 million.

Available screenings are worth over \$140 per person and no appointment is necessary. Screenings include:

- Total Cholesterol Levels
- Blood Pressure
- Bone Density
- Glucose Levels
- Waist Circumference
- Body Mass Index

Mark the calendar because the van will be in Greenbelt Wednesday, May 26 from 9 to 3 p.m. Screenings will be available to all residents but seniors will receive in addition to the screening a free membership for one year to AARP. Parents must accompany children for them to receive a free screening.

Pass the word to neighbors. The bus will be parked in the City of Greenbelt Municipal Center parking lot at 25 Crescent Road.

## Garden Club Plant Sales Coming Up

The annual Beltsville Garden Club plant sales will be held this year from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, April 10 and May 8. Both sales will be held in the parking lot at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road in Beltsville.

The April sale will include perennials, shrubs and trees. The May sale will have annuals, vegetables and herbs in addition to perennials, shrubs and trees. Plants grown in the Beltsville Garden Club greenhouse may also be available.

For more information call Geoff White at 301-397-1539 or visit the club website at [www.beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org).



## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF APRIL 2

### Ghost Writer (PG-13)

Friday

\*4:50, 7:30, 9:55

Saturday

\*2:10, \*4:50, 7:30, 9:55

Sunday

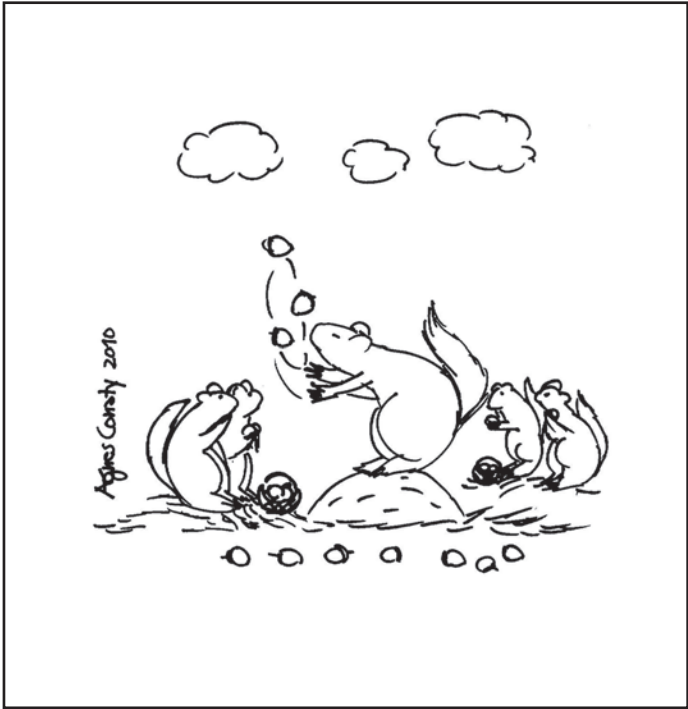
\*2:10, \*4:50, 7:30

Monday-Thursday

\*5, 7:30

\*These shows at \$6.00  
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745  
129 Centerway  
[www.pandgtheatres.com](http://www.pandgtheatres.com)

## Grin Belt



"This Easter Acorn Hunt is getting too flashy."

## City Notes

Planning staff presented the 2003 Roosevelt Center Market Study to Roosevelt Center merchants and reviewed an application received for the Roosevelt Center Merchant Revolving Loan Fund.

Horticulture/Parks/Playgrounds crews assembled team signage for the Greenbelt Baseball League to be installed on

the outfield fence at McDonald Field and converted tractors from snow removal back to lawn maintenance use.

Recreation staff received a \$4,000 grant from Prince George’s County Councilmember Ingrid Turner’s office. This grant money will go toward childhood obesity programs as requested by Turner.

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## Heard a Good Story Lately?

The News Review is looking for a few good stories. If readers know of something noteworthy done by anyone in their Greenbelt family or by a Greenbelt organization, we’d love to hear about it. Readers can write up their news and email it to [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or send a letter to the News Review at Suite 100, 15 Crescent Road. Don’t fret over writing quality – our editors will make your words shine.

## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Thursday, April 8, 2010

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

#### GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Purchase of a Vehicle for the Maintenance Department, 2nd Reading
- 2010 Spring Concrete Contract, 2nd Reading
- Proposed Bylaw Change from N&E: Article III
- Proposed Rules Regarding Insulation in GHI Homes

Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)



# Community Events

## GHI Notes

Friday, April 2, Offices closed (emergency maintenance available, call 301-474-6011)

Monday, April 5, 7 p.m., Companion Animal Grief Support Group – GHI Library

Tuesday, April 6, 8:30 a.m., Ad-Hoc Yard Line Committee – GHI Library

7 p.m., Member & Community Relations Committee – GHI Lobby

Wednesday, April 7, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee – Board Room

7 p.m., Website Work Group – GHI Library

Thursday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Census Bus Rolls Fun To Empirian Village

On Saturday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m. there will be a Census Bus at Empirian Village at 9220 Springhill Lane on the Community Center Green (near the Little Store and the Chinese carryout).

Jointly sponsored by the Prince George’s County Census Complete Count Committee’s subcommittee for nonprofits and community-based organizations and Camp Fire USA, the bus will bring information about the census, prizes, giveaways, games and characters to kids, families, seniors – all Empirian Village residents. Join in this celebration of the Census 2010, which is meant to assure that all are counted.

## ACE Reading Club Meets on April 8

The next ACE Reading Club meeting will be held on Thursday, April 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Springhill Lake Elementary School. The club is free to all Greenbelt children from 8 to 14 years of age.

The club, which is sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and administered by the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), meets on the second Thursday of each month and offers book discussions, games, puzzles and more.

## Boxwood Annual Meeting Wednesday

The Boxwood Civic Association will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road .

The agenda will include planning for community events (picnic and Labor Day booth), scholarships, WSSC water main replacement, public transportation and other shared concerns.

## Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

## Greenbriar Held Annual Meeting

The Greenbriar Community Association (GCA) held its annual meeting on March 23 and elected Didi Peck to the one vacant board seat for a three year term. The board elected the following officers: President Angeline Butler, Vice President Jeannette Gordy, Secretary Terry Benedik, Treasurer Shadawn Deas and Didi Peck, director.

Prior GCA President Barbara S. Smith, who had served for the past 15 years, was honored for her dedication, service and commitment.

## Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Every Thursday pianist Amy C. Kraft plays weekly mid-day lunch melodies from noon to 2 p.m. at the New Deal Café. Thursday night from 7 to 9, no fooling, anyone can fool around at the weekly open microphone with song, poetry, prose or April Fool’s jokes.

Friday, April 2 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. pianist John Guernsey will play jazzy, bluesy tunes, followed from 8 to 11 p.m. by rootsy swinging with The Galt Line trio.

On Saturday, April 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. is the TV John Show with songwriter Steve Fisher, followed from 4 to 6 p.m. by classical guitarist Bruce Krittr.

Saturday night, always a big Café event, will be the scene of Morigan’s 8 to 11 p.m. concert and party for the release of her new CD “Just Tell Me.” The CD is her sixth and it is an all-original mix of heartfelt renditions of classic rock, country and pop songs from the 1950s through the 1990s and will be available at half-price during the event.

The Café will be closed on Sunday, April 4 – Happy Easter from Maria and Karim!

**Next Week**

On April 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. will feature Brena belly dancing. On Wednesday, April 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. the Café will have its first all Poetry Night, with readings by the Greenbelt Writers Group interspersed with live musical interludes, ending with an open microphone available for anyone.

On Friday, April 9 from 8 to 11 p.m. Doug Way performs folk music. On Saturday, April 10 come to the Café from 8 to 11 p.m. to hear Kelly Zullo. And on Sunday, April 11, for those who prefer folk mixed with rock, Gina Holsopple will be playing from 5 to 8 p.m.

For more information call Chef Karim Kmaiha at 301-474-5642 or visit [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com).

## Computer Club Meets April 8

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its April meeting on Thursday, April 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 103. Everyone is welcome.

## Group for Widowed Persons Starts Soon

A six-session program to help widowed persons, both men and women, adapt to their new circumstances will begin Thursday, April 8 at Rexford Place, 9885 Greenbelt Road. This is one of two such programs presented each year by the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service, an organization co-sponsored by AARP and the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

The sessions run from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday afternoons from April 8 to May 13. The program is free but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register call Kathleen McFarland at 301-474-6892.

## Greenbelt Named Tree City USA

The City of Greenbelt has been recognized by the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. This is the 10th year the city has earned this national recognition.

Greenbelt also received a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program in the following activity areas: planning and management, standards and specifications, wildlife habitat and professional tree manager.

Greenbelt has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community, including having a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

More information about Tree City USA can be found at [www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).

## At the Library Storytimes

The Greenbelt Library’s regular Storytime sessions have been temporarily suspended because items are being packed up for the library renovation.

## Celebrate 40 Years For the Library

All friends of the Greenbelt Library are invited to a celebration of 40 years of good books, internet access, fun children’s programs and great discussions.

The celebration will be Friday, April 9 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the library. Mayor Judith Davis will speak at approximately 4:30 p.m. on the main floor near the Information Desk. This will be followed by refreshments in the downstairs main hallway.

## Hard Winter Damage To Old Pavement

City Manager Michael McLaughlin probably spoke for many local residents when he recently inquired about the sorry state of the pavement on the southbound entrance from Southway to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. McLaughlin addressed his question to the National Park Service, the federal agency responsible for supervision and maintenance of the Parkway.

In his response, Anthony Migliaccio, Park Service Maintenance supervisor for the Parkway, explained the problem. The surface of this area is the oldest on the entire road and is close to the end of its normal lifespan and becoming “dry and brittle.” The recent harsh winter, which required repeated snow plowing, further damaged the surface. He promised some immediate temporary repairs by his local work crew putting asphalt into the worst places, which has now been done. However, the entire area needs resurfacing, a project which is still in the planning stage.

– Peter Curtis

More Community Events  
see pages 4, 7, 12  
and 16

## Crop Circles Found In Garden Plots

Greenbelt gardeners were startled to discover unexplained markings, possibly of extraterrestrial origin, covering most of the Greenbelt Garden Club plots. Nearby residents had been disturbed on the night of March 26 by bright lights and loud noises in the vicinity of the plots. The next morning gardeners found scorch marks in large areas of the gardens. They show what appears to be a human head peering over a wall. There is lettering underneath but it needs to be decoded. The only letters that can be made out are \_ \_ L R \_ Y W \_ S H \_ R \_ .)

– Earl Stanley, Gardener

## Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall  
Center Court  
301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.  
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50  
Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON  
SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.  
Adults: \$8.50  
Students/Military: \$7.50  
Children: \$6.00  
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

## Week of APRIL 2

FRI. – SAT.


Diary of a Wimpy Kid, PG-13  
11:40, 2:05, 4:35, 7:20, 9:45  
The Last Song, PG (!)  
11:30, 2:15, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10  
Clash of the Titans, PG-13 (!)  
11:15, 2, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30  
How to Train Your Dragon, PG (!!)  
11:20, 11:45, 1:50, 2:20, 5:10, 7:35, 10:20  
Why Did I Get Married Too, PG-13 (!)  
11:25, 2:15, 4:40, 5:05, 7:30, 7:50, 10:20, 10:35  
Hot Tub Time Machine, R (!!)  
11:30, 2:30, 5:20, 7:40, 10:35  
The Bounty Hunter, PG-13  
11:40, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:25

SUN.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid, PG-13  
11:40, 2:05, 4:35, 7:20  
The Last Song, PG (!)  
11:30, 2:15, 4:40, 7:30  
Clash of the Titans, PG-13 (!)  
11:15, 2, 4:50, 7:40  
How to Train Your Dragon, PG (!!)  
11:20, 11:45, 1:50, 2:20, 5:10, 7:35  
Why Did I Get Married Too, PG-13 (!)  
11:25, 2:15, 4:40, 5:05, 7:30, 7:50  
Hot Tub Time Machine, R (!!)  
11:30, 2:30, 5:20, 7:40  
The Bounty Hunter, PG-13  
11:40, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40

MON. – THU.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid, PG-13  
12:45, 3, 5:35, 7:50  
The Last Song, PG  
12:30, 3, 5:25, 7:50  
Clash of the Titans, PG-13 (!)  
12:05, 2:40, 5:20, 8:15  
How to Train Your Dragon, PG  
12:05, 12:15, 2:30, 2:45, 5:15, 8:15  
Why Did I Get Married Too, PG-13 (!)  
12:05, 2:40, 4:50, 5:25, 7:50, 8:15  
Hot Tub Time Machine, R  
12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 8  
The Bounty Hunter, PG-13  
12:05, 2:40, 5:25, 8



Greenbelt Arts Center

The fantasy continues this week!

*Man of La Mancha*

April 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, & 10 at 8 PM

Sunday Matinee: April 4 at 3 PM

Tickets are \$18 general admission, and \$15 for seniors and students.

Given the unique configuration of the theater for this show, please call ahead if you have special needs related to seating.

COMING SOON:  
Fred & Frieda - April 15 – 18, 2010. Directed by Sheilah Crossley-Cox

123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770

<http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org>

Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

Call for Reservations at 301.441.8770



## Obituaries

**Thomas Teutsch, Jr.**  
Thomas M. Teutsch, Jr., 63, of 18 Court Ridge Road died on March 21, 2010.  
Mr. Teutsch received a B.S. in zoology from the University of Maryland in 1969. He worked for the Prince George's County Health Department as an environmental sanitarian. He transferred to the Maryland State Health Department where he worked in environmental health. He wrote legislation dealing with waste disposal and water supplies. That legislation is still being used today.  
In Greenbelt he served on the GHI Woodlands Committee for several years. He belonged to the Astronomy Club of Greenbelt and helped put up the club's dome. He also helped in the Astronomy Club's booth at the Labor Day Festival.  
He belonged to the Beltsville Games Club and later, when the Greenbelt Strategy Games Club was formed, he joined that group as well.  
Mr. Teutsch was an enthusiastic player of GO. He belonged to the American GO Association. He played in GO tournaments, played at the University of Maryland and taught others to play.  
He helped clear the snow in his court and neighbors' walks. He was always helping people.  
Although not members, he and his wife attended Mishkan Torah Synagogue.  
He is survived by his wife Rosalie Teutsch (nee Pierce) of the home address; his parents, Thomas and Monica Teutsch; brothers Robert Teutsch, David Teutsch and Shawn Braszo; sisters Karen Hudon and Diane Wyatt-Sweeney; brother-in-law David Pierce and many nieces and nephews.  
Funeral services and interment were held on Tuesday, March 23 at Beth Tfiloh Cemetery, 5800 Windsor Mill Road in Baltimore. Rabbi Mitchell Wohlberg officiated. Arrangements were by Saul Levinson & Brothers, Inc.

### Drink Tea Instead

If one is a java loyalist, consider switching to coffee's leafy counterpart. Some black teas have just as much caffeine as coffee and growing tea is much greener. In fact, producing one cup of coffee requires almost 300 gallons of water. The same amount of tea requires only about 30 gallons of water, so it's much easier on the planet (and the body). As with coffee filters, skip bagged tea and brew loose-leaf.  
— Sierra Club



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building



Our sympathy to Rosalie Teutsch and family on the death of her husband Thomas Teutsch, Jr.  
Condolences to longtime Greenbelt mail carrier Tony Schiavone and his family on the death of his father, Matthew Anthony Schiavone, 82, on March 25, 2010.  
Sympathy also to Milton Greenbaum of Ridge Road on the unexpected death of his uncle, Seymour Englander, 86, of Washington, D.C. "Uncle Seymour" was the brother of the late Lillian Greenbaum and was a frequent visitor in Greenbelt.  
**Congratulations to:**  
— Former Greenbelter Stacey King, the daughter of Peggy and Steve King, who grew up in Boxwood Village and on Ryan Way in Greenbelt East. She now coaches the 97 Fusion, an under-12 Falls Church girls' soccer team that just won a trip to South Africa. The girls (and their coach) created a video to enter the contest, sponsored by South African Tourism, won, and are now traveling to the site of the 2010 World Cup. The team was featured in a Washington Post Kids' section feature article on March 24.  
— The Greenbelt Girls 10-U Basketball team on a perfect season and their 2010 County 10-U Girls Championship title win.  
Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.  
— Kathleen McFarland

### Ecumenical Sunrise Service Planned

An ecumenical Easter sunrise service will be held on Sunday, April 4 at 7 a.m. at Buddy At-tick Park. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church at the corner of Hillside and Crescent Roads.  
Everyone attending is urged to bring a lawn chair or blanket to the park. All are welcome.

### See the Cherries; Avoid the Crowds

Through April 11, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, take a self-guided tour to explore the National Arboretum's collection of flowering cherry trees of various shapes, sizes, flower colors and bloom times, including trees that have been created by arboretum scientists. Pick up a brochure in the Administration Building or download one at [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov). Admission is free.

### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)


 Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community   
**April 4, 10 a.m.**  
Easter Sunday with Flower Communion by Rev. Diane Teichert and Interim Director of Religious Exploration Karen Lee Scrivo with Don Mitchell, worship associate, Choir and Chalice Dancers  
Jesus is risen! But how do we as Unitarian Universalists understand the Resurrection?  
Meet Norbert and Maja Capek, Czech Unitarian founders of our Flower Communion Ritual.  
Bring a flower to share.

### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410  
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor 

**Sunday School 10:00am      Worship Service 10:00am**  
**Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am**

The religion of God is one, and it is the educator of humankind, but still, it needs must be made new. When thou dost plant a tree, its height increaseth day by day. It putteth forth blossoms and leaves and luscious fruits. But after a long time, it doth grow old, yielding no fruitage any more. Then doth the Husband-man of Truth take up the seed from that same tree, and plant it in a pure soil; and lo, there standeth the first tree, even as it was before. (Abdu'l-Baha)

 **Greenbelt Bahá'í Community**  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)




### Congregation Mishkan Torah

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223  
An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

**Shabbat services:** Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.  
Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.  
Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.  
Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program.  
Opportunity for leadership development.  
**Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors.**  
Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities.  
Interfaith families are welcome.

### ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322

**Mass Schedule:**  
**Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.**  
**Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.**  
**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.**  
**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**  
**Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd**



### HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

**Holy Week Schedule**  
**Good Friday – April 2**  
Services at 12:15 & 7:30 p.m.  
**Easter Sunday – April 4**  
Festive Service of Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.  
Easter reception following service with Easter Egg Hunt  
**Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail [myholycross@verizon.net](mailto:myholycross@verizon.net)**

### Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Hillside & Crescent Roads**  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)  
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor  
*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*



### Greenbelt Baptist Church


101 Greenhill Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

**Welcome!**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting/Bible Study</b>


**ALL are Welcome!**  
*"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"*

### St. George's Episcopal Church

Join us around a table where all are welcome! 

St. George's Church – Glenn Dale Parish Holy Week Services:  
Palm Sunday Service, March 28, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.;  
Tenebrae, Wednesday March 31, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.;  
Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.;  
Good Friday, April 2, 2010 at 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.;  
Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday April 3, 2010 at 8:30 p.m.; and  
Easter Sunday Service, April 4, 2010 at 8 a.m., and 10 a.m.  
St. George's is located at 7010 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale, Md. 20769  
Please call the church office for additional information at 301-262-3285.

7010 Glenn Dale Road | Glenn Dale, Md. 20769  
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)



### Hope Fellowship

... living life together

### Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning! Coffee and Snacks  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship  
Pastor Nigel C. Black, MDiv.

99 Centerway Greenbelt Rec Center  
(Behind the Community Center)

**BE A PART OF OUR WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION!**  
301-474-4499



The Fresh Air Fund Is Seeking Hosts for Inner City Kids

The Fresh Air Fund is a non-profit organization that arranges fun-filled summer stays for New York City low income inner city children. They are seeking local families to host children to ensure that summer is special for these youngsters and asking that people sign up now to make a difference in a Fresh Air Fund child's life!

Volunteer with The Fresh Air Fund local committee or apply as a host family. Each summer close to 5,000 children, age 6 to 18, enjoy two-week vacations with volunteer host families in suburban and small town communities across 13 Northeastern states and Ontario, Canada. Local Fresh Air Fund committee members recruit host families, reach out to the community and coordinate fun activities for families and children. Volunteers are needed in the Greenbelt area. One youngster, 8-year-old Justin of Brooklyn, reports of his summer visit, "We made hot dogs and s'mores over the fire. I've never cooked outside before!"

For more information on how to join the local Fresh Air volunteer team or become a host this summer call Lisa Oakley at 202-244-8994 or The Fresh Air Fund at 1-800-367-0003 or obtain information about the host family program at [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org).

American Legion Post 217  
College Park  
**Shrimp Feast**  
April 11 • 2 to 5 p.m.  
**Call 301-441-2783**  
for details



City Information



The Greenbelt Recreation Department presents a

Egg Hunt and Artful Afternoon!



1pm  
Egg Hunt!

NEW  
LOCATION

Meet on the Community Center front lawn. (Rain location gym)  
Ages 18 months - 6th grade.

Hunt begins promptly at 1pm. Bring a camera for photos with the Bunny!

1-3pm Arts and Crafts!

3pm The Spilling Ink Project weaves memorable tales from Indian folklore and mythology through South Indian classical dance. Engaging for all ages!

Saturday, April 3  
Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Road, 301-397-2208  
Most activities FREE! (Museum: \$3)



1-4pm Visit the art gallery, artists' studios, Greenbelt Museum and playground!

POSTAL FACILITY CLOSING

The postal facility located in the Greenbelt Municipal Building will be closed from SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd thru SATURDAY, APRIL 10th. It will reopen on Tuesday, April 13th.

CITY OF GREENBELT - JOB OPENING

PARK RANGER I (\$8.00/hr)

The City of Greenbelt Recreation Department will be accepting applications for the position of Park Ranger I. This is a part-time, seasonal position.

NATURE OF WORK: Patrols and inspects parks throughout the City, enforces rules and regulations to ensure compliance, and performs some conservation work as required. Leads nature interpretation and educational programs for the public. Assists with ensuring public safety through education and enforcement. Participates in program development and associated administrative work. Work is performed under the direction and supervision of the Director of Recreation or a designated representative.

REQUIRED EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING: High School diploma or GED; college attendance desirable; some experience in park management, park maintenance management, park administration, recreation, natural sciences, public relations or related subjects or an equivalent combination of education and experience; ability to lead nature workshops and other outdoor activities. Incumbent must be at least 18 years of age and must possess valid driver's license.

Applications can be downloaded at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). Applications should be returned to: City of Greenbelt, Attn: Personnel, 25 Crescent, Road Greenbelt, MD 20770

ANIMAL SHELTER  
FEATURED  
PETS

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Autumn and a Gerbil on their new homes! We wish them much happiness!



Hank: Orange and white male. 8 years old.



Frosty: Beautiful White and Gray female around 2 years old.



Lex: 5 year old male tiger stripe.

NEW SPRING KITTENS! COME SEE THEM NOW. Will be ready for adoption in a few weeks. The shelter also has FREE Guinea Pigs with cages available!

Become a fan of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook! Greenbelt Animal Shelter is located behind the Police Station at 550-A Crescent Road, is open on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124. Thank you to all for your donations.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on: Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Board. For more info call 301-474-8000.

MEETINGS FOR APRIL 5-9

Monday, April 5 at 7:30pm, GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (GreenACES), at the Community Center.

Tuesday, April 6th at 7:30, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES, at the Public Works Facility

Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30pm, GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD, at the Community Center, Rm 114. On the agenda: Discussion of the City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).

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Saturday, April 10th 9:00a.m.-12:00 noon  
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Come and join members of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES) to remove litter and other debris from two sites in Greenbelt.

RIDGE AND WESTWAY: Meet at the corner of Ridge Road and Westway to clean the surrounding areas.

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For more information call the City of Greenbelt Public Works Office at 301-474-8004.



SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS OF GREENBRIAR AND ANY OTHERS THAT MAY HAVE NOT RECEIVED A CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE: If you have not received a questionnaire, go to one of the Be Counted sites or call the U.S.

Census after April 12 at 1-866-872-6868 and complete a questionnaire.

SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR GHI RESIDENTS: Most GHI Homes have received Census Questionnaires that do not reflect your complete address with unit number. Please, if you have received a questionnaire which does not reflect the full and correct address, destroy that questionnaire and obtain a replacement questionnaire as described above. If you have completed and sent in a questionnaire that did not reflect your complete address, please fill out a new one.

Saturday, April 3rd at 1:30pm,  
THE CENSUS BUS IS COMING TO EMPIRIAN VILLAGE! 9220 Springhill Lane, on the Green near the Little Store and the Chinese Carry-Out. Come out, fill out your Census form, win prizes, play games, and learn what the Census is all about.

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Crescent Road route so GHI staff, board and affected members could visualize the option’s impact on their yards. In a January 28 memo to McLaughlin, Hruby explained that only Option 2 had been staked in light of strong objections by PEPCO representatives to consideration of Option 1.

Although Option 1 had been considered in an effort to respect the current established yard lines for the affected homes, that option would not meet PEPCO requirements of at least a minimum one-foot offset from the ROW line.

Since the staking involved expenditure of funds for an accurate survey, it was decided to forgo that option and to stake out only the proposed new ROW for Option 2.

**Option 2**

Option 2 would locate the new ROW line approximately 13 feet and six inches back from the face of the existing curb on the east side of Crescent Road. Under that option a number of fences or hedges would continue to be located up to a few feet inside the city’s new ROW.

During discussion all parties seemed to agree that any offending fences or hedges could remain within the city’s new ROW until either a change was made by the owner or a unit was sold. That scenario appeared to meet both GHI’s and the city’s existing policies in dealing with grandfathered encroachments wherever they may occur within the GHI neighborhoods.

According to the GHI representatives, even without the ROW controversies, GHI and its Yard Lines Committee have been hard at work delineating GHI unit yard lines. That work has since resulted in the development of yard plats for GHI units.

In conjunction with the staking, GHI also provided affected members with yard plats that show the proposed ROW line (through their yard). Those yard plats were part of information provided to council.

As of the time of the worksession, GHI representatives noted that of six GHI units affected, owners of only two had responded. Both were satisfied with Option 2. GHI will follow up with the other four.

Some issues still concerned PEPCO, even with Option 2. Hruby indicated that PEPCO will require that the new ROW line

be drawn to include the pole anchor guy wires within the ROW or that GHI convey an easement for each of the seven anchor guy wire locations affected.

Hruby noted in her memo that PEPCO preferred not having to contact each homeowner every time they may have to do work on their poles or associated equipment.

During the worksession discussion, Councilmember Rodney Roberts and other members of council, as well as some members of the GHI board, bristled at the reports of what PEPCO representatives were demanding. Roberts asked the staff to make sure that PEPCO was not being unreasonable in its requests.

Edward Halley, 62 Court Crescent, specifically noted his concern with PEPCO’s insistence on a 10-x-10 foot easement for the guy wires and the potential impact of this requirement on the prize American holly tree in his yard. Even though Halley was an early supporter of Option 2, he urged council to help preserve the tree.

Mayor Judith Davis agreed. She expressed a need for the city staff to discuss concerns regarding the tree with PEPCO.

**Next Steps**

Council asked McLaughlin and Hruby about the next steps in moving the process forward. McLaughlin replied that if council was comfortable with moving on preferred Option 2, he could have a proposal to conduct a formal survey for the new ROW ready for approval at the April 12 council meeting.

Hruby said that action would start a process that could take several more months in order to obtain county approval of the new ROW. With the survey completed, a request for a formal change to the ROW would have to be submitted to the County Planning Board and go through their approval procedures, including public notice.

City staff would also have to advise and check with Verizon, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and other utilities on potential issues with their equipment and service lines.

At the close of the worksession, there was general agreement that council would be prepared to consider the proposal for the survey necessary to define the new ROW to support Option 2 at their first meeting in April.

**Botanic Garden Has Lunchtime Tours**

The United States Botanic Garden (USBG) offers a free lunchtime tour of the conservatory every Monday in April from noon to 1 p.m. What do manila folders, Chanel No. 5, vanilla and fossil fuels have in common? The answer is that they all come from plants on permanent display in the USBG Conservatory. Take a tour with a knowledgeable guide who will connect the exotic plant world to everyday life. Visitors might see bananas and coffee ripening on the tree or learn about the next big breakthrough in medicinal plant research.

**Musical Instrument Petting Zoo for Kids**

Children will have the opportunity to try out different musical instruments and experiment with a glass harmonica at a musical instrument petting zoo to be held Sunday, April 11 at 3 p.m. in the Old Parish House at 4711 Knox Road in College Park.

This hands-on program is designed to open up the world of musical instruments for children. Registration is suggested since space is limited. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or registration call 301-927-3013 or send email to info@cpae.org.

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head-count efforts.

“To have Greenbriar overlooked and have that mistake in GHI is very surprising because that’s a third of our housing units,” Craze told the council. “I will look into it tomorrow.”

Since the March 22 meeting, Craze confirmed that the survey slipup may have affected most of the 1,600 GHI units. She also noted that some pockets of Greenbriar did, in fact, receive their census forms two weeks ago.

Nevertheless, in the light of the census snafus, Craze asks that Greenbelters follow the directions given by the Census Bureau:

1) If you have not received a questionnaire, go to one of the “Be Counted” sites or call the U.S. Census Bureau after April 12 at 1-866-872-6868 and complete a questionnaire.

2) If you have received a questionnaire which does not reflect the full and correct address, destroy that questionnaire and obtain a replacement questionnaire as described above.

3) A Census bus will be at Empirian Village on Saturday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m. Residents can get help filling out the questionnaire.

As of Tuesday night, Greenbelt’s mail-back participation rate in the decennial census was at 45 percent, five points lower than the national average. In the 2000 Census, Greenbelt outdid the nation by one point, hitting 72 percent before the bureau’s door-to-door ground troops were deployed in May. It is estimated that for every one point increase in mail-back participation rates, taxpayers save the nation \$85 million.

As promoted by the bureau, the higher the head count in one’s community, the larger that community’s slice of \$400 billion in federal funds – although the distribution is not based on population figures alone.

For more information concerning the 2010 Census, visit the bureau’s official website at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/how/index.php> or visit any one of the four “Be Counted” questionnaire-assistance centers located in or near Greenbelt (see box above).

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- Campfire USA at Empirian Village
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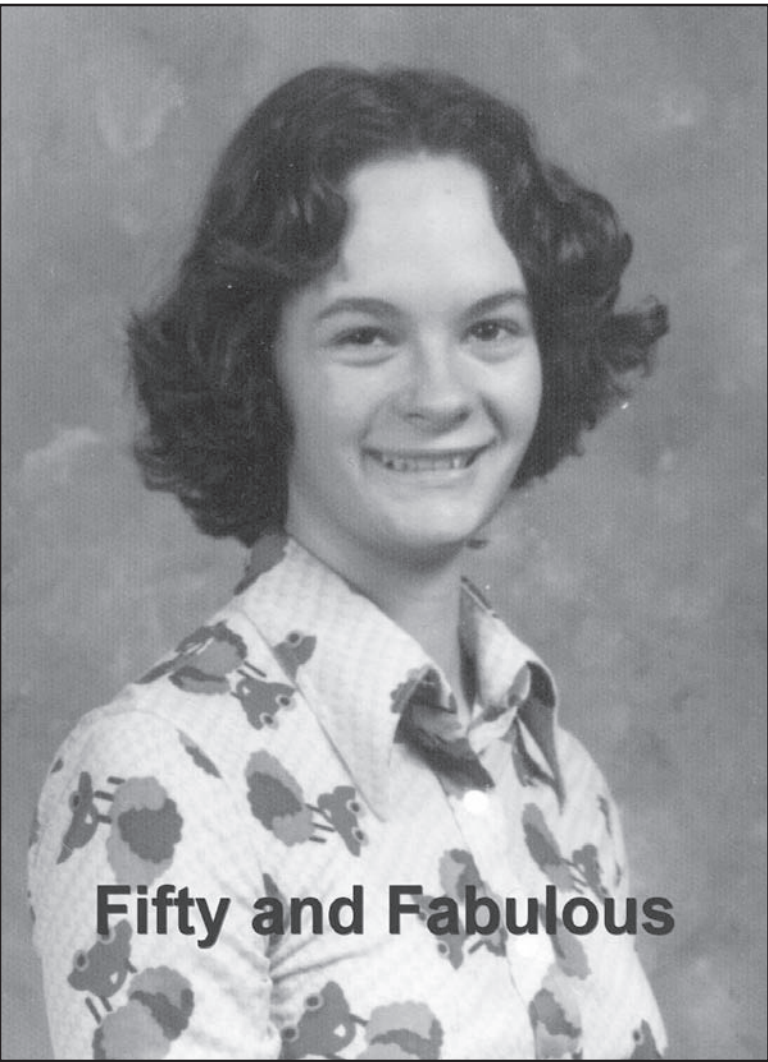
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# Police Blotter

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**Robberies**

March 19, 8:42 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A group of five males approached and assaulted a person, taking his cellphone. Four wore white short-sleeved T-shirts and one wore a long-sleeved blue T-shirt.

March 19, 11:39 p.m., 7200 block Hanover Parkway. Six males 16 to 18 years old approached and assaulted a person and fled on foot after the person fought back.

March 21, 11 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A person was approached by people who demanded his bicycle, took it and fled. One of the robbers is described as a black male, 16 to 18 years old, 5'7" tall with a medium build, wearing a red shirt, blue jeans and black shoes.

**Drug Arrest**

March 20, 3:05 a.m., 4 Court Gardenway. A 34-year-old non-resident male was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute cocaine, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

**DUI/DWI**

March 20, 1:43 a.m., 20 Court Ridge Road. A 27-year-old male resident was arrested after a traffic stop and charged with multiple alcohol-related violations. He was released on citations pending trial.

**Disorderly Conduct**

March 20, 2:31 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall. A 23-year-old non-resident female was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after a domestic dispute. She was released on citation pending trial.

**Burglary**

March 24, 1:33 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. A microwave and television were taken.

**Trespass Arrest**

March 25, 8:29 a.m., 7-Eleven, Hanover Parkway at Good Luck Road. A 25-year-old nonresident

male was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. He was released on a citation pending trial.

**Vandalism**

March 19, 6:07 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. An apartment wall was damaged.

March 20, 11:47 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A window was broken.

March 21, 11:59 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A window was broken.

March 21, 6:11 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A window was broken.

March 21, 12:35 p.m., 100 block Westway. A rock was thrown through a sliding glass door.

March 24, 10:06 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A window was broken.

**Vehicle Crimes**

Three vehicles were stolen, one of which was recovered. A black Chevrolet Tahoe stolen March 21 from the 7200 block Hanover Drive was recovered by Prince George's County Police Department on Archery Drive at Friar Road in Ft. Washington after having been set on fire. No arrests were made.

Other stolen vehicles are a 1996 gold Mazda 626 with MD tags taken from the 7500 block Greenway Center Drive on March 19 and a white Dodge Stratus with MD tags taken from the 9100 block Edmonston Road on March 25.

Seven reports of thefts from vehicles were received. 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (tire), 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, two incidents (tires and rims, DVD player), Beltway Plaza Mall (refund check), 7800 block Hanover Parkway (set of tires), 7200 block Hanover Drive (several credit cards), 7400 block Greenbelt Road (driver's license and credit cards).

There were two reports of vandalism. 9100 block Edmonston Road (car window broken), 6000 block Springhill Drive (four car tires cut).

# Byers, Leon Honored at USPCA Banquet

Greenbelt MPO Barry Byers and Leon, his K9 partner, were honored on March 6 during the United States Police Canine Association's Region III Annual Awards Banquet at the Bethesda Hyatt Regency Hotel. Region III includes Maryland, Delaware, the District, Virginia and West Virginia. It is one of 26 regions in the U.S. and Canada and one of the most active regions in the Association.

Byers and Leon were presented the distinguished "Third Quarter Patrol" award, which recognizes a K9 handler and partner for a case in which the K9 team had an outstanding track and found the suspect.

The team was honored for its work on the afternoon of August 27, 2009, when Byers and Leon arrived to assist Hyattsville City Police with an armed robbery. Hyattsville officers had apprehended one of two suspects but the other was still somewhere in the area of 3600 East-West Highway, a large commercial office building. Byers released Leon, who began a search of the area and ended at the main doors to the office building, indicating that the suspect was likely inside. The building was evacuated and secured. Byers and Leon began searching inside and came to two office suites, where the dog checked the door seam of one suite and began to bark, indicating that someone was inside.

An announcement was made for whoever was inside the suite



PHOTO BY MPO KELLY LAWSON

MPO Barry Byers and his K9 partner Leon were honored for their work on August 27, 2009, to track and find a suspect in an armed robbery in Hyattsville.

to come out with their hands raised. The door opened to reveal the suspect standing just inside the door with his hands up. He was taken into custody without incident.

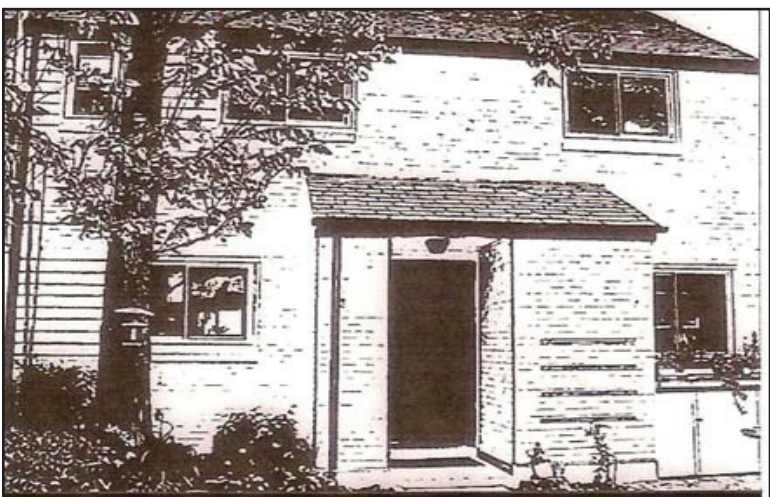
Afterward, it was determined a female worker was being held in the office suite against her will by the suspect, who was armed with a knife. A knife was recovered in the suite after the suspect was taken into custody. The suspect later said that when he heard Leon barking at the door, he felt he had no chance of escape and decided to surrender.

This case was a huge success because Byers and K-9 Leon were able to rule out other escape routes and successfully ended a hostage situation with good tactics and outstanding K9 work.

— MPO Kelly Lawson

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**Stroke of Insight Is Book for April**

The College Park Arts Exchange Book Club is exploring literary non-fiction by women. This month's selection, "My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey," will be the focus of discussion on Friday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House at 4711 Knox Road, College Park.

The author, Jill Bolte Taylor, a brain scientist who suffered a catastrophic stroke at the age of 37, relates what she experienced and learned in the process of her recovery. Drop in or RSVP at [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) or 301-927-3013.

**Civil War Surgeon To Speak in Laurel**

The Laurel Historical Society will present Dr. Edward Stonestreet of Rockville as the next speaker in its lecture series. Stonestreet, as portrayed by an interpretive docent, will bring Civil War medicine to life as he shares his personal experience of what it was like to practice medicine in the 19th century. Learn about the medical practices of the 1800s in this free lecture at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 8 at the Laurel Municipal Pool Room, Ninth and Main Streets, in Laurel. For more information call 301-725-7975.

**Refuge YCC Program Runs this Summer**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel will host a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program at the refuge this summer from June 21 through August 13. The YCC is a summer employment program for young men and women from all segments of society who work, earn and learn together doing outdoor conservation projects.

**The Program**

The program is open to youth ages 15 to 18 years of age who are citizens or legal residents of the United States. Enrollees will work full time for eight weeks and earn minimum wage. A strong interest in outdoor work and natural resources is recommended.

Applicants will need a Social Security card prior to the first day of work and must be able to provide their own transportation to and from work. Public transportation is not available.

**Previous Projects**

Previous work projects on the refuge have included repairing fencing, clearing vegetation, building and improving trails, cleaning water control structures, removing invasive plants and contributing to wildlife management programs. Participants also take part in educational activities.

**Applications**

For more information or a YCC application form, visit [patuxent.fws.gov](http://patuxent.fws.gov) or call 301-776-3090. Applications must be postmarked by April 9 and sent to YCC Coordinator, Patuxent Research Refuge, 12100 Beech Forest Road, Laurel, MD 20708. Selection will be by lottery.



### Arbor Day Tips on Planting Trees

Maryland Arbor Day is Wednesday, April 7 and marks the beginning of the planting season here. Grab a shovel and get ready to start digging but wait.

Before planting a tree, make sure to do it correctly. The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) provides advice on how a tree should be planted and initially maintained, which makes a big difference in whether the tree thrives and gets a good start. Too many people simply plant a tree but do not ensure that the tree has the chance to go on to live for many years.

There are a few simple tips for planting an Arbor Day tree:

Prepare the perfect hole for planting by digging the hole two to three times the width of the root ball. Do not dig deeper than root ball depth. Make the sides of the hole slant gradually outward.

For bareroot trees, neatly cut away any broken or damaged roots. Soak the roots for a few hours prior to planting to allow them to absorb water. Container-grown trees should have the plastic or metal containers completely removed. Carefully cut through any circling roots. Remove the top half of pressed peat/paper containers. Balled and burlapped trees should have all the ropes cut. Pull the burlap at least one third of the way down; slit remaining burlap to encourage root growth. If in a wire basket, cut away the top of the basket.

Plant the tree by gently placing the tree in the hole. Partially backfill with the soil from the hole. Water to settle the soil, then finish back-filling the hole. Tap the soil gently but do not step on the root ball.

Final touches include removing tags and labels. Do not stake unless the tree has a large crown or if the planting is situated on a site where wind or people may push the tree over. Stake for a maximum of one year. Prune only the damaged branches. Soak the soil well, making sure no air pockets form between roots. Wait until next year to fertilize. Spread two to three inches of mulch over the planting area but do not place it up against the trunk. Be sure the root ball has plenty of water throughout the year.

Questions regarding choosing the right tree or proper planting and maintenance for the area and placement can be answered by an ISA certified arborist. Additional information on planting, other tree care topics and to find a local ISA Certified Arborist is available at [www.treesaregood.org](http://www.treesaregood.org) or [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com).

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“I think it was fun,” said Mary Commins, a 7th grader at Robert Goddard Montessori School, “because we got to save the environment.”

Green Hour participants broke into two groups after the ceremony. Some walked around Greenbelt to see how many lights were out; others went to the Greenbelt Youth Center for more celebratory activities with GreenACES where Councilmember Konrad Herling served as master of ceremony. With only two candles for light, Greenbelt residents Love and Jim Adams regaled the two dozen or so member audience with stories. Adams told a tale of a giant monster that found him as a child under his bed, tagged him and ran out the room. Adams hightailed it out of the Youth Center room, too. Love gave a demonstration using a miniature polar bear submerged in a bowl of water and ice to show the effects of global warning.

In between stories, Flutar, composed of flutist Joseph Cunniff and guitarist Giorgia Cavallaro played several pieces including “El Condor Pasa” and “Shenandoah.” The evening ended with Love teaching the Youth Center’s audience the “Save the Greenbelt” song set to the tune of the Handel’s Messiah and a commercial ditty and back to the Municipal Center for the raising

of the flags.

“I was very pleased at how many city lights were turned off, “ said event organizer Luisa Robles, who is the city’s recycling coordinator. She cited the darkened tennis courts, Braden Field and the Municipal Center. Robles also praised the New Deal Café for following the lights-out protocol and mentioned that the featured band played acoustical music during the hour.

Councilmember Leta Mach was thrilled about this year’s Earth Hour festivities. Last year Greenbelt’s first observance, was a little disappointing, she said, but added that the activities make a point. “We are making a statement for the Earth.”

Earth Hour started in 2007 in Sydney, Australia, when 2.2 million homes and businesses turned their lights off for one hour to make their stand against climate change. The next year more than 50 million people across 35 countries participated. Global landmarks such as the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the CN Tower in Toronto, the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and Rome’s Colosseum each stood in darkness. The World Wildlife Fund noted that one billion people symbolically turned off the lights on dirty air, dangerous dependence on foreign oil and costly impact of climate change.

## ACE AWARDS continued from page 3

to students’ school experience: teachers, guidance counselors, other professional staff members or support and building staff. ACE selects one award recipient from each school, based on nominations from the school’s administration.

All award winners receive gifts and certificates from city, county and state to commemorate their success. From ACE, each receives an engraved red and gold apple, the well-recognized symbol of education. Each honoree also receives an ACE t-shirt. Lake described “a long-standing tradition” and invited award winners to wear the shirts when they walk with ACE in the Labor Day Festival Parade in September.

**Greenbelt Elementary**

The ACE outstanding educator for Greenbelt Elementary is Vanessa Zanin, sixth grade science, social studies and health teacher, as well as school-wide science coordinator. During the past three years, Zanin has put on a well-regarded Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Fair.

She has been a leader in “greening” the school, encouraging and teaching both students and staff how to live a green lifestyle. She started the school recycling program and a “green” club where students created a nature trail behind the school, named for Katharine Curl, longtime principal of the school who retired three years ago.

Zanin orchestrates the school’s participation in the Gorgeous Prince George’s project, planting foliage and flowers around the school. She also redesigned the landscaping, arranging for donations of plants and coordinating volunteers to beautify the school.

**SHL Elementary**

Morris Powell, educator award nominee for Springhill Lake Elementary (SHL), has been building supervisor there for two years. While not a member of the education staff, Powell promotes the safety and education of all students. He works closely with the administration, teachers and students, displaying a strong commitment to the school environment.

Powell’s contributions to a positive school culture promote the betterment of Springhill Lake Elementary as a learning community. He also participates on the School Emergency Team and the School Planning Management Team, demonstrating further his commitment to the smooth operation of the school in all situations.

**Magnolia Elementary**

Joan Nachman has served for seven years as guidance counselor at Magnolia. Nachman exemplifies the true essence of service to students and the community.

She has coordinated myriad school programs, such as Pennies for Patients, Very Respectful Wall, canned food drives, a clothing drive, lunch bunch, student

council, student council inaugurations, Walk for Education, a news show, Peace Week, Red Ribbon Week, 6th grade middle school parent dinner and a highly regarded career day.

**Turning Point Academy**

The staff and administration of Turning Point Academy Public Charter School nominated Jonathan Triggs for the ACE Educator Award. With four years of service in education, he is the computer lab teacher and technology coordinator for the entire school.

Beginning as a classroom teacher, Triggs’ skills and passion for technology were quickly noticed and a position created to allow him to drive the school forward in that area. He has effectively instructed staff on using technology in the classroom and has taught students valuable computer skills. He has also assisted with the school’s Science Fair.

**St. Hugh’s School**

Deidre LeGrand, a first grade teacher at St. Hugh’s, received the ACE Educator Award for 2010. LeGrand is recognized as a dedicated, talented teacher who puts her heart and soul into whatever she teaches. She trains the students how to learn by incorporating study and organizational skills into her lessons.

LeGrand’s ability to instruct a group of energetic first graders with differing learning styles has been described as a joy to witness. She is also a favorite among the St. Hugh’s faculty because of her kindness, positive attitude and willingness to pitch in when needed.

**Greenbelt Middle**

Alicia James was selected for the ACE Educator Award because of the drive and dedication she brings to her mathematics instruction at Greenbelt Middle School. She is committed to her students and motivates them to strive for excellence with her unique combination of humor and “tough love,” keeping them engaged and excited about learning.

As chair of the math department, she is responsible for motivating her fellow teachers and organizing the mathematics program. The recent results of increasing mathematics Maryland State Assessment (MSA) scores and meeting Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) standards in mathematics point to the success of her methods.

James is also a Sixth Grade Team Leader, Performance Arts Association Committee leader and faculty sponsor of the Greenbelt Middle International Club. Her colleagues describe her as “110 percent committed to doing her best.”

**Eleanor Roosevelt**

Anne Koroknay currently teaches English learner students who come from a wide variety of cultures and speak different languages. She has made significant contributions to the positive school experience of the students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School

(ERHS).

In addition to fulfilling all her 11th and 12th grade English teaching duties, Koroknay coaches the ERHS county championship swim team. Her practices are conducted at 6 in the morning. She also sponsors the Latino Club, whose members meet for group discussions about important issues, as well as individual situations. Latino parents and students have asked Koroknay to be present at conferences or serve as an interpreter because they trust her and feel comfortable in her presence.

**Student Awards**

The ACE Educator Awards complement the ACE Student Awards, forthcoming at the city council session on Monday, May 10. One boy and one girl from the graduating class of each of the Greenbelt schools will receive an ACE Student Award. Recipients from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, college-bound seniors, will each receive a small scholarship.

**History**

ACE was formed in 1994 to serve as a liaison between the Greenbelt Community and council to address education issues and promote high quality schools. ACE works primarily with council, school principals and the PT-SAs to address these issues.

Among the organization’s recent concerns have been monitoring progress on the planning and construction of the new Greenbelt Middle School. Funding has been secured for the new school, Lake reported, and plans are progressing, with ground-breaking scheduled soon.

ACE also works to ensure that all Greenbelt students can continue to attend Eleanor Roosevelt High School as their neighborhood school, as codified in Prince George’s County law.

Recently the group began an ACE Science Club and reorganized the ACE Reading Club as monthly evening activities for Greenbelt children. They also initiated an ACE grants program to fund activities and purchase items to enhance the educational environment at the schools.

In cooperation with the city’s Department of Recreation, ACE has organized a School Music Festival, which will take place this year during Artful Afternoon on Sunday, May 2 at 3 p.m. The program will feature performances by instrumental and choral groups from schools attended by Greenbelt children.

The members of ACE are: Jon Gardner, chair; Sudhanshu Sinha; Lauretta Baugh; Theresa Bugg; David Whiteman; Veronica Martin-Frederick and Don Rich.

Leta Mach was introduced as council liaison to ACE and Wendy Wexler as city staff liaison. Lake commented that the latter was the “incomparable Wendy Wexler, who secretly does all the work for which they [the committee] take credit.”





# Spotlight Is on Talented Greenbelt Youth . . .



Greenbelt Girls 10-U Basketball Team, front row (left to right) J’hane McDonald, Juliet Jack, Ayana Brown. Rear row: Sydney Shaw, Ashia McCalla, Dazjai McDonald and Utsa Santhosh.

## Girls 10-U Basketball Has a Perfect Season

by Tammy H. Lowry

The Greenbelt Girls 10 and under (10-U) basketball team has lots of reasons to celebrate. Led by Head Coach Quentin Lowry and Assistant Coach “Butch” Holmes, the team achieved a perfect overall record of 11-0. They captured the 2010 County 10-U Girls Championship title during a match-up against Ft. Washington at Frederick Douglass High School on Sunday, March 28, defeating Ft. Washington 27-6.

Dazjai McDonald led Greenbelt with 12 points, followed by Ashia McCalla with 11 points and J’hane McDonald added four points.

The team roster includes Ayana Brown, Juliet Jack, Ashia McCalla, J’hane McDonald, Dazjai McDonald, Utsa Santhost and Sydney Shaw.

“One of the things we realized from the very beginning was that we had a special group of girls on the team . . . hardworking, very polite and always respectful. They’ve earned bragging

rights. They can now call themselves true champions,” said Coach Butch.

The team boasted an average of 27 points per game and held their opponents to an average of only five points per game.

In the moments following the championship victory the team and coaches settled into a small area in the hallway near the gym. The coaches thanked the team and parents for a great season, moms and dads gave out hugs and afterward the entire team, coaches and families enjoyed a quiet celebratory dinner at the Golden Corral Restaurant.

For Coach Quentin, this isn’t the first time he’s enjoyed a perfect season record. During his first year of coaching for Greenbelt in 2002, his Intramural team went undefeated. His daughter, Kelli Lowry, currently a sophomore varsity basketball player for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Lady Raiders, was part of her dad’s first-time perfect season.



Magnolia Elementary School grabbed the first win in the Prince George’s County Public Schools’ 24th Science Bowl championship on March 19. The team came out on top among the four competing elementary school teams from Berwyn Heights, Glenarden Woods, Northview Elementary and Magnolia. Shown is the Magnolia team, coached by teacher Robert Allen (back row, right). Front row from left, Kristen Beauchamp, Madison Maragliano and Kortez Logan. Back row from left, team members Kevin Hedgeman and Jordan Love in white shirts with School Board Member Donna Hathaway Beck between them, Magnolia Principal Phyllis Gillens and team member Assiatu Bantama. The competition was held at the Bonnie F. Johns Educational Media Center in Landover.

## . . . as well as their Supporters



Greenbelt’s County Councilmember Ingrid Turner visited Greenbelt Elementary School to present tricycles, funded by a grant from the County Council, to the Kindergarten and pre-K classes. Shown (from left to right) are Will Godfrey, Stephen Duda, Erik Dabelko, Sebastien Fernandez-Napp, Hanna Huff, Ana Fernandez-Napp, Principal Kimberly Seidel and Councilmember Turner.

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Science Center Offers Planetarium Mystery

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Genealogy Society To Meet April 7

The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. in the New Carrollton Municipal Building, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. After a brief business meeting, Chuck Mason will speak on “What Did They Mean By That?” All are welcome to attend this free presentation. For more information call 301-262-2063.

Free Yoga Demo In Laurel April 7

On Wednesday, April 7 from 7 to 8 p.m. teens and adults are invited to attend a free yoga class in the multi-purpose room of Montpelier Elementary School at 9200 Muirkirk Road (off Rt. 197 in South Laurel). Offered by the South Laurel Recreation Council, the free demonstration class is to introduce two six-week-long yoga classes with a fee to be held on Mondays starting April 12 or Thursdays starting April 15 at the same time and location. To register for the free class and obtain further information call the South Laurel Recreation Council at 301-776-2805.

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The project includes widening and replacing the existing bridge deck (driving surface) on both sides of MD 201; reconstructing a half-mile of the approaching roadway; repairing, cleaning and painting the existing structural steel and median landscaping. The existing structure was built in 1963 and carries an average of 35,000 vehicles per day.

Traffic pattern changes during two phases of the project include temporary lane shifts and temporary lane and shoulder closures on both sides of MD 201 and I-95/I-495. Traffic will be maintained in two through lanes on both sides of MD 201 by utilizing an existing lane and one shoulder. Also, there may be single-lane closures along both directions of MD 201 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and overnight closures Sunday through Thursday between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Shoulder closures are expected on both sides of I-95/I-495 24 hours a day for the duration of the project with possible single lane closures Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Drivers may also encounter single-lane closures on both sides of I-95/I-495 overnights Sunday through Thursday between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

The project is part of SHA’s bridge preservation and replacement program aimed at providing reliable facilities.

### Bird Flight Is Topic At Aviation Museum

On Saturday, April 10 at 2 p.m. the College Park Aviation Museum will hold a special program on “Birds and Planes.” The Wright Brothers studied how birds flew and used these observations when building their airplane.

A naturalist from Watkins Nature Park will display birds of prey and discuss how birds fly. This program is free with regular museum admission.

### Blinding Diseases Seminar on April 10

On Saturday, April 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Foundation Fighting Blindness, Genentech and ShopLowVision will hold a free vision seminar at Gallaudet University’s Kellogg Conference Center. Part of a nationwide public health education program, the seminar will provide information on the latest prevention, treatment and clinical trials for age-related macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa and related blinding diseases affecting more than 10 million Americans.

Seminar topics include retinal research advances; disease diagnosis, maintenance and treatment; clinical trials; and low vision rehabilitation. Speakers will include Washington, D.C. retinal specialists Reginald Sanders, M.D., and William F. Deegan III, M.D., of The Retina Group of Washington; Timothy Schoen, Ph.D., of the Foundation Fighting Blindness; and Suleiman Alibhai, O.D., of Colonial Opticians.

This seminar is free and open to the public. Parking is available at the site and light refreshments will be provided. Advance registration is requested by calling 1-800-691-0817 or visiting [www.FightBlindness.org/DCSeminar](http://www.FightBlindness.org/DCSeminar) to reserve a seat.

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A Review

A Night on the Town Has Its Local Rewards

by James Giese

In New York society, a night on the town means dinner at a nice restaurant, then a Broadway show and finally listening to great entertainment and conversation at a nightclub. Would you believe you can also do that in historic Old Greenbelt?

Well, maybe it's not quite the same. For one thing, it's a lot cheaper. And critics might belittle the caliber of Greenbelt entertainment as compared to that of the Big Apple.

But the opportunity is still there for a great night on the town. And the critics just might be wrong.

Bernina and I enjoyed such a night out on Friday, March 19. It began with dinner at the New Deal Café.

For this occasion dinner was shared with members of the Greenbelt Democratic Club, who were holding their annual dinner-show outing. The cream of Greenbelt society was there, including Mayor Judith Davis and former Greenbelt Homes, Inc. President Sylvia Lewis.

For this occasion Chef Karim prepared a special buffet of Middle Eastern dishes that included chicken, moussaka, green beans, rice and plenty of pita bread and hummus. The chicken consisted of tastefully seasoned slices of chicken breast. The beans were bright in color, tender and tasty. Dessert was a white cake with strawberry cream topping.

John Guernsey, at the piano, provided pleasant background melodies during our repast.

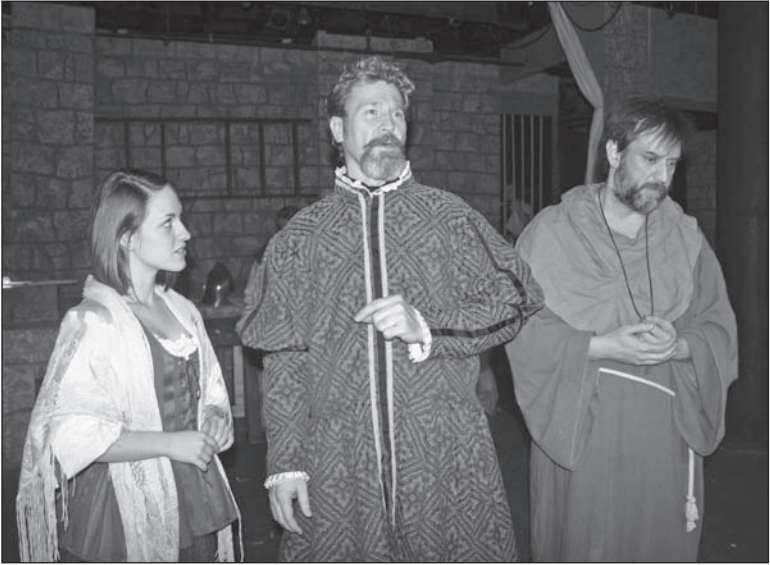
La Mancha

Then on to the Greenbelt Arts Center for the opening night of "Man of La Mancha." Carol Griffith, whose review appeared in the March 25 issue, is far better qualified to critique the performance than I, but I agree with her. Considering the limited venue for staging the performance and the resources available, this has got to be one of the best shows presented in Greenbelt.

The playgoers entered a darkened room filled with strange objects while music softly played. One quickly realized that there were bodies lying about as well – not dead ones, for these were moving and writhing.

The seating arrangement, which changes from performance to performance, was across the stage area in theater style with not a bad seat in the house. After all were seated, a full house, the performance began when flames began to shoot out of two fire pits.

The play is about the author, Miguel de Cervantes, being held prisoner pending his interview before the Inquisition in the late 1500s and his telling of the tale of Don Quixote de La Mancha (which became his greatest work



Antonia (Christa Kronser), Dr. Carrasco (Carl Randolph) and Padre Perez (Aref Dajani) contemplate what to do about Don Quixote.

and a literary classic), the story of a madman in search of chivalry with a narrative that questions whether it is Don Quixote or the world that is really mad.

Although the stage is fixed except for a few movable pieces, the scene of the story moves from the prison holding area for the Inquisition to the plains of La Mancha to an inn and elsewhere. Sometimes it was difficult to follow these changes.

Various prisoners played other roles in the story, some more than one – a means of presentation that sometimes impeded my comprehension of the story.

What was impressive was the performance of the lead actors. All were excellent, both in performance and in voice. Michael Galizia as Cervantes/Quixote got to do nearly all the important songs in the show, including "The Impossible Dream." He did them not only with a strong voice but with the needed dramatic flair.

Carmel Ferrer, as the rough-hewn prostitute Aldonza who unwillingly becomes Quixote's fair lady Dulcinea, won the approbation of the audience for her difficult role and excellent voice.

The third lead is that of Sancho, the ignorant, simple peasant who follows Quixote as his servant to avoid beatings from his wife and spouts words of wisdom in simple sayings. Gerron Jordan is sterling as this comic foil.

"La Mancha" will continue to be staged the coming two weekends. See it.

Hot Jazz

After the thoroughly satisfying dinner and show, we were prepared to head home. We had to pass the New Deal Café, however, to reach our car. The Café door was open, and we were attracted to the unique sound of music inside. We also spotted good friends there. So we took a detour.

As in the past, we were amazed at the quality of performers who play at the Café just for tips. That night we heard the Hot Club of DC, a band of six,

with a French chanteuse jazz singer.

The Café in its listing of events described this band as "gypsy jazz and swing." I'm not sure what to call it. French Dixieland jazz? With strumming banjo and guitar mixed with clarinet, piano and drum, the band had the sound of Dixieland. But it was not Dixieland music. Mostly, the music was jazz renditions of classic tunes from



The Innkeeper (John Scheeler) dubs Don Quixote (Michael Galizia) as Sancho (Gerron Jordan) and Aldonza (Carmel Ferrer) watch.

the 1920s to modern, with vocal renditions sung in French by a talented and lovely lady whose name I did not get.

As is typical of jazz, there were solo improvisations by all the band members, each displaying unique and talented virtuosity. It is well worth your time to spend an evening with the Hot Club of DC, wherever they may be playing. You can probably find that out online.

Between sets we enjoyed good conversation with friends. We also enjoyed the hard cider on sale there, a change from beer or wine, the other alcoholic offerings of the café.

If your idea of a night on the town is to party until dawn, go to Manhattan or perhaps Georgetown. In Old Greenbelt, nightlife ends at 11 with the closure of the New Deal Café. Still, that was good enough for us.

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